SUBJECT No. 249.

Teaching in the Hobli Schools to be modified.

Mr. Amble Annaiya Pandit, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—It is sufficient if instructions are given on dictation, arithmetic, agriculture and hygiene in the hobli schools. The Hobli School classes may be held from 7 to 9 A.M., and from 5 to 7 P.M. This system will enable boys attending the morning classes to receive instructions on agriculture. The evening classes will be useful for elderly boys.

Reply of Government.—This will be referred to the Educational Conference for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 250.

Grants to aided schools.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, City Municipality, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The grants to aided schools may be determined on some definite principles and in definite proportions to the total expenditure of schools and their equipment.

Note.—The member referred to the Sadvidya Patasala at Mysore.

Reply of Government.—The grants are always determined on definite principles. The Inspector-General of Education will be asked to report on the present condition of the Sadvidya Patasala.

SUBJECT No. 251.

Remission of Examination fees for women.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, City Municipality Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—Women may be allowed free for the Lower Secondary and Upper Secondary Examinations.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 252.

Amendment of the Education Rules to impart instruction in English in Government Schools.

Messrs. Ramanuja Iyengar and Thimma Setti of Gubbi Taluk. Members were absent but others spoke.

Summary of discussion.—In Subject No. 127 of last year, amendment of Education Rules in regard to imparting instructions in English was pressed for consideration. Early orders are prayed.

Reply of Government.—This subject has already been discussed by the Educational Conference and is included in the report which is now before Government.

SUBJECT No. 253.

Appointment of a peon in each Hobli School.

Mr. Abidalli Sahib, Koratagere Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As school fees are being levied now even in Hobli Schools, the appointment of a peon in Hobli Schools for conducting boys to and from Schools and for bringing the pay of masters direct from Treasuries deserves favorable consideration. The shekdars will thus be relieved of the latter duty.

Reply of Government.—Not possible. The masters themselves require first consideration.

SUBJECT No. 254.

Introducing religious textbooks into aided schools.

Mr Lakshminarasimhachar, Hamsinagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The benefit of imparting religious education so as to give the rising generation a religious turn of mind is admitted on all hands. In some of the Government-aided schools conducted by Missionaries Christian ideas are infused into the minds of the students. By this, not only do the students lose their own religious

ideas but lose faith in all religions. To overcome this, text-books on different religions, *viz.*, Christian, Musalman and Hindu, may be introduced into aided schools with a view to the elevation of their character.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 235.

SUBJECT No. 255.

Charitra to be abandoned as a text-book.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A. LL.B., Advocate, Shimog Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—The present Charitra book contains inaccurate accounts of Ramayana and gives to the young boys a somewhat mistaken notion of historical facts and very little of religious ideals.

Note.—Refers to Mr. Marsden's book on History.

Reply of Government.—This is a matter for consideration by the Text-Book Committee.

SUBJECT No. 256.

Introduction of English text books on History from the 1st Form in Schools.

Mr. Gargeswari Srinivasa Rao, Land-holder, T.-Narsipur.

Summary of discussion.—School-going boys have at present a poor knowledge of English. It is desirable that books in English on History and Geography may be introduced from the 1st Form.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 257.

Prescribing an easier text-book than Balabhooviva-rane.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A. LL.B., Advocate, Shimoga municipality.

Summary of discussion.—This is quite beyond the standard of the primary classes for which it is intended. A book written in a simple style and containing only notes of important places may be prescribed.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 255.

FINANCIAL.

SUBJECT No. 258.

Provision of special funds for the relief of the distressed during famine, etc.

Mr. G. Gopalaiya, District Board Member, Chitaldrug.

Summary of discussion.—Special funds may be placed at the disposal of the District Boards to enable them to provide for the relief of the distressed in times of famine and scarcity or outbreak of plague or other contagious diseases.

Reply of Government.—The Government are doing all that is possible in the matter. As suggested by the member, subscriptions cannot be raised and a fund created.

SUBJECT No. 259.

Amounts deposited in Savings Banks and Insurance amounts to be exempted from attachment of Civil Court decrees.

Mr. Sahukar Nagappa and Manjaiya Uduparu, Nagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—If the heirs of depositors in Government Savings Banks and of holders of Mysore State Insurance Policies wish that the deposits and the Insurance amounts should be continued to be held permanently in deposit and that only the interest should be paid to them annually on their demanding it, the principal and the interest thereon should be exempted from attachment of decrees of Civil Courts against their heirs. It should be used only for their maintenance.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 260.

Interest at five per cent to be allowed on charitable endowments.

Messrs. Sahukar Nagappa and Manjaiya Uduparu, Nagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Interest at five per cent may be ordered to be allowed on endowments made by private persons for charitable purposes. This subject was introduced last year also.

Reply of Government.—The question is under consideration.